

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1946 without my signature.

This bill could result in the release of prisoners convicted of serious and violent felonies. Additionally, medically incapacitated prisoners could be released, and this bill does not provide any mechanism to return these prisoners to custody in the event they somehow would become a threat to public safety, or the prisoner's condition were to improve to the point that they no longer were medically incapacitated.

This bill would modify the Department of Corrections (CDC) Compassionate Release program by allowing medically incapacitated inmates to be considered for release or resentencing. This bill would allow that the court may resentence or recall a sentence if the court finds that the conditions under which the prisoner would be released or receive treatment do not pose a threat to public safety, and the prisoner is incapacitated by a medical condition that renders him or her permanently disabled.

For these reasons I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger